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Serial No. 08/841,644	)	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 1, 2005.
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## **AFTER FINAL RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed June 1, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 22, 1997, December 9, 1998, August 18, 1999, October 14, 1999, April 13, 2000, July 25, 2000, November 8, 2000, June 25, 2001, May 15, 2002, June 27, 2003, and September 28, 2004. However, the Applicants have not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 22, 2002 (received by OIPE June 3, 2002). The present application is not available through public or private PAIR/IFW; therefore, the Applicants cannot confirm whether the above-referenced Information Disclosure Statement appears in PAIR/IFW. However, as a courtesy to the Examiner, the Applicants resubmit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 22, 2002, together with a copy of the post card confirming receipt of the IDS at OIPE on June 3, 2002. It is respectfully